

# **Meson-Meson and Meson-Baryon Interactions in Lattice QCD**

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# Introduction

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- *Hierarchical structure in hadron physics*  
*(commonly appear in physics...)*
  - quarks/gluons

→ [QCD] → hadrons (mesons/baryons)

→ [Nuclear potential] → nucleus,  
nuclear matter

Fundamental theory

Semi-fundamental theory

*(known only phenomenologically)*



- How can we understand the interaction between hadrons from the fundamental theory, QCD ?



# Introduction

## ■ We employ lattice QCD

- Direct calculation from QCD, no model assumption
- Nonperturbative framework

*Lattice QCD succeeded !*

■ quarks/gluons  $\xrightarrow{\text{[QCD]}}$  hadrons  $\xrightarrow{\text{[Nuclear int.]}}$  nucleus



Short distance  $\longleftrightarrow$  QCD

- Meson-meson, meson-baryon interactions
  - What kind of short range interaction appear ? Color-magnetic int. ?
  - Useful for study of multi quark physics, exotics ?
- Nuclear force between baryons  $\rightarrow$  *next talk by Takahashi*



# Formalism

- Measure the energy of two hadron states and observe the shift of energy from the potential

$$\Pi_{BM} = \langle J_B(\vec{x}, t) J_M(\vec{y}, t) \bar{J}_B(\vec{x}, 0) J_M^\dagger(\vec{y}, 0) \rangle \simeq \lambda_B^2 \lambda_M^2 \exp(-M_{BM}t)$$

$$\Pi_B = \langle J_B(t) \bar{J}_B(0) \rangle \simeq \lambda_B^2 \exp(-M_B t)$$

$$\Pi_M = \langle J_M(t) \bar{J}_M(0) \rangle \simeq \lambda_M^2 \exp(-M_M t) \quad \Delta M = M_{BM} - M_B - M_M$$

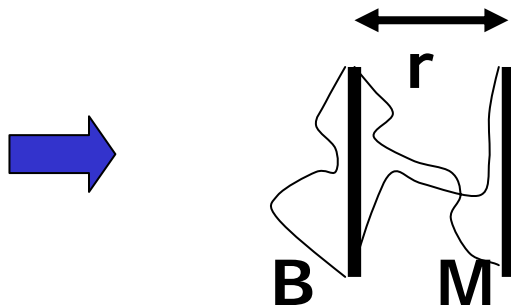
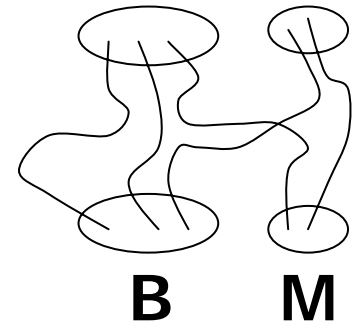
- Focus the energy difference  $\Delta M$  to improve S/N

$$R_{BM} = \langle \Pi_{BM} \rangle / [\langle \Pi_B \rangle \langle \Pi_M \rangle] \simeq \exp(-\Delta M_{BM} t)$$

$$R_{MM} = \langle \Pi_{MM} \rangle / [\langle \Pi_M \rangle \langle \Pi_M \rangle] \simeq \exp(-\Delta M_{MM} t)$$

# Formalism

- Potential:  $V(r)$
- How can we define the distance “ $r$ ” between two hadrons ?
- → adopt one static (heavy) quark in each hadron
  - Dynamics of quark propagation can be accessed from other light quarks



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M.S..Cook, H.R.Fiebig hep-lat/0509025  
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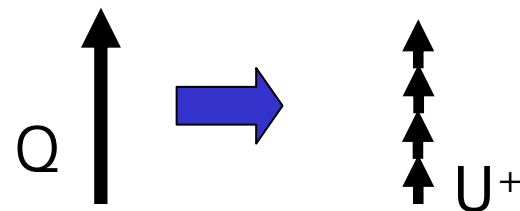
# Propagator and Diagrams

■ Operator  $J_M = \bar{Q} i \gamma_5 q^3$   
 $J_B = \epsilon_{abc} (q_a^{1T} C \gamma_5 q_b^2) Q_c$

**Q: heavy (static) quark**

**q: light quark**

Note: propagator of static quark can be written by links



- If  $q^3 = q^1$  (or  $q^2$ ) in flavor space, the correlation function includes exchange diagram



- Otherwise, only no-exchange diagram contributes





# Lattice QCD parameters

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## ■ Gauge Configurations

- Standard Wilson plaquette action
- $\beta=5.7 \rightarrow a^{-1}=1.1\text{GeV}$
- $V=20^3 \times 24 \rightarrow (3.7\text{fm})^3 \times 4.4\text{fm}$ 
  - Large volume to analyze multi hadrons
- $\#(\text{gauge config}) = \sim 200 \text{ configs}$

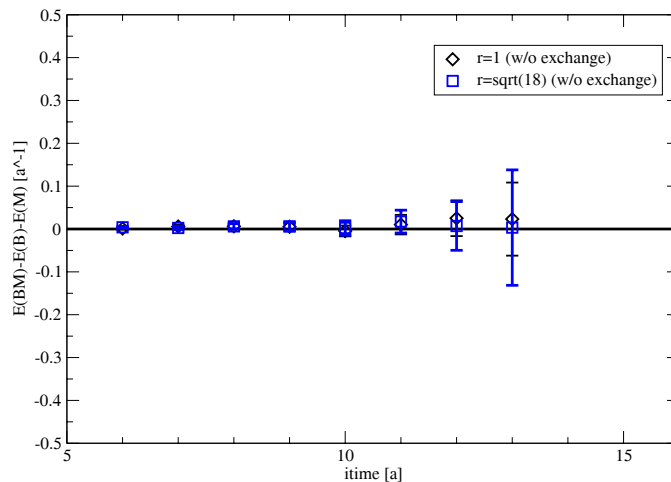
## ■ Fermion action

- Wilson fermion at the quenched level
- $\kappa=0.1600, 0.1625, 0.1650 \rightarrow m_\pi = 500\text{-}700\text{MeV}$
- Average over 2-4 spacial configurations are taken in order to enhance the statistics

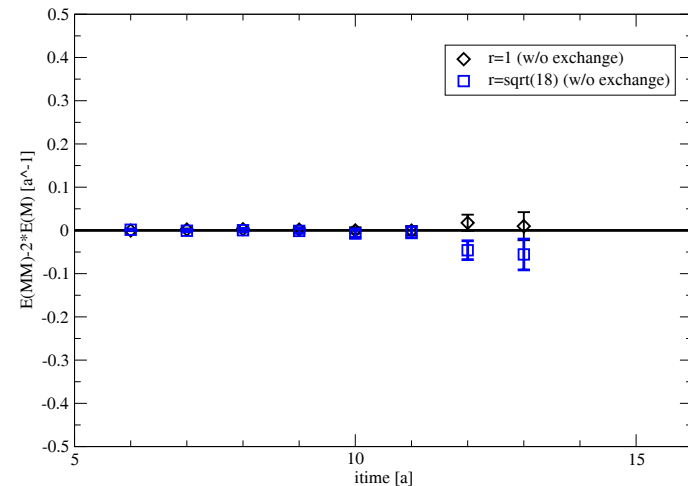
# Numerical Results:

## Effective mass plot of $R_{BM}, R_{MM}$

### Baryon-Meson



### Meson-Meson



**Very weak interaction  
regardless of distance “r”**

$r=0.18\text{fm} \text{ \& } 0.78\text{fm}$

Without exchange diagrams

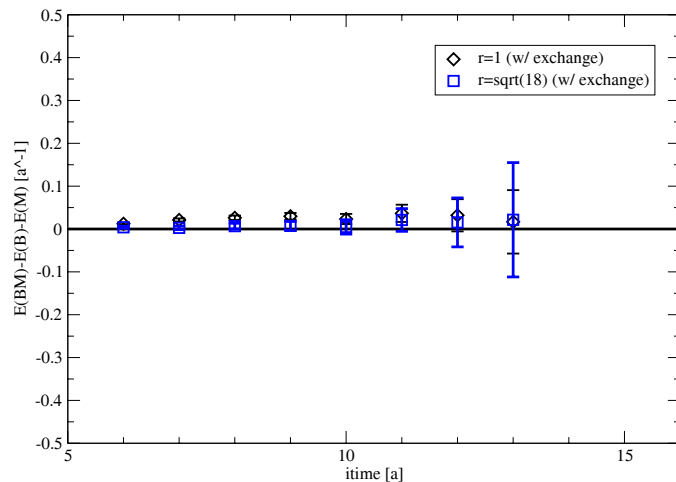
$$R_{BM} = \langle \Pi_{BM} \rangle / [\langle \Pi_B \rangle \langle \Pi_M \rangle] \simeq \exp(-\Delta M_{BM}) \text{ etc.}$$



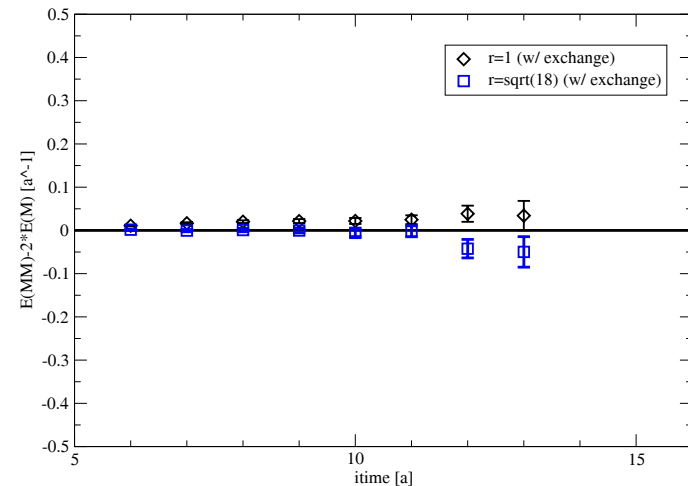
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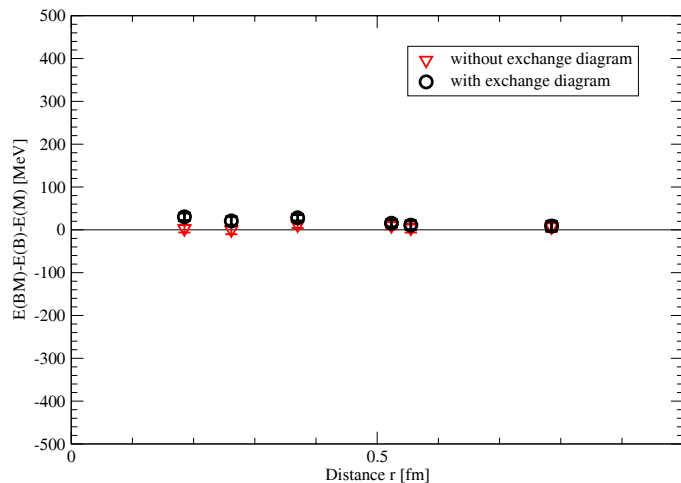
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**Very weak interaction  
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even when w/ exchange diagram**

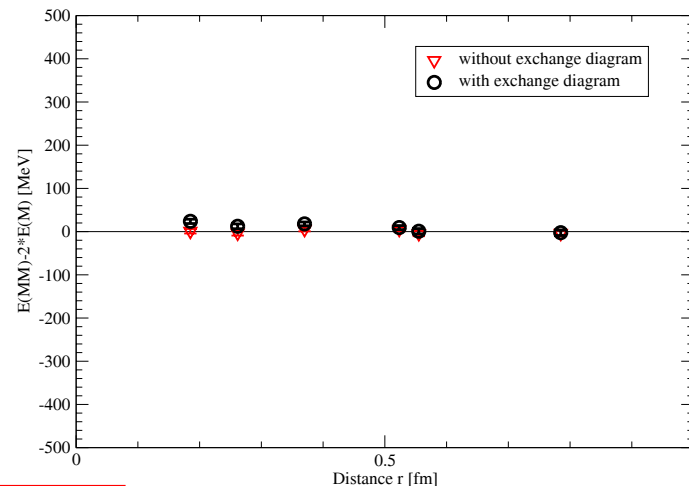
**With** exchange diagrams

# Potential between two hadrons

## Baryon-Meson



## Meson-Meson



Interaction is very weak for both of baryon-meson and meson-meson.

*Preliminary*

Dependence on the quark mass is also weak

Nontrivial feature of heavy-light hadrons ?



# Summary

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- **We have investigated the meson-meson and meson-baryon interactions from lattice QCD**
  - Define the distance between two hadrons adopting heavy (static) quark in each hadron
  - Correlators with & w/o exchange diagram have been analyzed
  - Large Volume simulation with  $V=(3.7\text{fm})^3 \times 4.4\text{fm}$
- **We have not observed significant interaction for both of meson-meson and meson-baryon**
  - Including/Excluding the exchange diagram yields very small effects
  - Does this feature stem from the adopting the heavy quark ?
    - Evaluation of lattice artifact is in progress
  - Is this feature specific only meson-meson & meson-baryon ?
    - ➔ Analysis for baryon-baryon interaction ➔ *next talk*